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Meets every Friday at s. e. cor. Ninth and Plum sts.
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Local Union No. 308.

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Local Union No. 13 (Fresco Painters).

Meets 1st and 3d Saturdays at 1322 Vine st.
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Local Union No. 224 (Sign Writers).

Meets 2d and 4th Fridays at Odd Fellows' Temple.
President, Ed. Macke.
Secretary, E. L. Trenary, 2484 Seegar ave.

Local No. 387 (Glaziers).

Meets every Tuesday at Central Turner Hall.
President, Wm. Robb.
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Local Union No. 553 (Paper Hangers).

Meets every Friday at 802 Main st.
President, John Clements.
Secretary, Alex Young, 802 Main st.

Local Union No. 238 (Covington).

Meets every Thursday at Workmen's Hall, 122 Pike st., Covington.
President, Sam Kelly.
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Local Union No. 251 (Newport).

Meets every Tuesday at n. w. cor. Tenth and Ann sts., Newport.
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Hardwood Finishers' Union No. 836.

Meets 1st and 3d Wednesdays at Central Turner Hall, 1407 Walnut st.
Secretary, Fred J. Dreyer, 2330 Clifton ave.

Plasterers' Association No. 1.

Meets every Monday at n. w. cor. Fifth and Central ave.

Plumbers and Gasfitters No. 59.

Meets 2d and 4th Thursdays at Ratterman Hall.
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Sheet Metal Workers' Local No. 284.

Meets 1st and 3d Fridays at Vine and Mercer sts.
President, John Link, 1020 Dayton st.
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Sheet Metal Workers No. 346.

Meets 2d and 4th Fridays at 2192 Central ave.
President, Lawrence McGill, 2120 Vine st.
Secretary, Henry Wahl, 2546 Fairview ave.

Sheet Metal Workers No. 72.

Meets 2d and 4th Mondays at 136 Pike st., Covington.
President, George Rice, 1124 Banklick st., Covington.
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Sheet Metal Workers No. 141.

Meets every Monday at s. w. cor. Twelfth and Walnut sts.
President, Fred Hock, 29 E. Twelfth st.
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Sign Writers' Union No. 224.

Meets 2d and 4th Fridays at Odd Fellows' Temple.
President, J. Mack.
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Steamfitters' and Helpers' Associate (U. A.), No. 392.

Meets 1st and 3d Fridays at Cosmopolitan Hall.
President, Thos. Colina.
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Stonecutters' Association.

Meets 1st and 3d Tuesdays at s. w. cor. Twelfth and Walnut sts.
Secretary, Jas. E. Stockton, 3710 Follette ave.

Tile Layers' Union.

Meets 1st and 3d Fridays at s. w. cor. Twelfth and Walnut sts.
Secretary, John O'Connor, 736 E. Sixth st.

A New Scheme— The Traction Company to Surrender Old Franchise

Under Rogers Law Urged By Civic Bodies.—New Grant With Lease of Loop Suggested.

Joint Arrangement Plan Is Being Considered.—Vice President Draper, of Traction Company, Formally Announces Selection of Expert Witt.

Representatives of civic organizations indicated yesterday that the Cincinnati Traction Company will be urged to surrender its present franchise, which still has 30 years to run, and accept in its place a modern indeterminate grant that will provide for the joint operation of the rapid transit subway system as well as the present surface cars.

At the meeting of the Street Railways Committee of Council yesterday morning it was shown that, under the Rogers act, every feature of the present franchise is subject to revision, and, in view of this fact, it was urged that the existing grant, which is considered obsolete, be abandoned entirely upon condition that the company be given one in its stead that will meet modern conditions.

The fact that Councilman Mullen moved to have the Rapid Transit Commission sit with the Council Committee was taken as an indication that an effort will be made to work out a new franchise that will provide for the two systems.

Seek Indorsement of Voters.

City officials are keen to secure a franchise that will include a lease of the transit system upon such terms and conditions that it may be submitted to the voters without fear of it being defeated.

Under the provisions of the act authorizing the city to build the system, failure to have the lease approved would result in the members of the Rapid Transit Commission being removed and a new commission appointed. It was said yesterday, if this takes place, the \$8,000,000 bond issue recently approved by the people for the system will fall

with the Commissioners, and that if it is intended to build an interurban entrance and rapid transit system another vote to issue securities would have to be taken.

Secretary Culkins, of the Chamber of Commerce, said the plan adopted by the Committee to have citizens appear before it to express their views would result in delaying revision of the franchise indefinitely.

Culkins Announces His Plan.

"Nothing but details are being discussed here," he said, "and there seems to be no system. My suggestion is that this committee and, perhaps, a small committee of citizens confer with the traction officials to formulate some sort of a franchise which can then be thrown open to the public for criticism and suggestions. Perhaps the company would be willing to surrender its present franchise, which is obsolete, for a model modern grant that would include the lease of the loop."

Councilman Mullen said that he could not agree with Mr. Culkins.

"I think it is due to the people that we give them every opportunity to be heard on this subject, and after this has been done we may then follow Mr. Culkins' suggestion," he said.

A number of citizens present all favored a universal transfer system.

Vice-President Draper, of the traction company, informed the committee that the company has secured the services of Peter Witt, of Cleveland, to devise some simplified transfer system that would be satisfactory to the citizens and the company alike.

HUNDRED THOUSAND IDLE

In New York Due To Strikes—Garment Industry Is Paralyzed.

New York.—Approximately 100,000 persons employed in various trades in this city now are on strike, according to estimates made, and thousands more are threatening to quit work unless their demands are met. With shipping virtually at a standstill, owing to the walkout of engineers and firemen employed on tugboats and lighters, and the garment industry almost completely paralyzed by a lockout and strike, employers generally declared that not in many years had labor conditions here been so chaotic.

Officials of the various unions said there was comparatively no change in the situation. Although hundreds of pickets were employed during the day in the garment strike, it was said that seldom, if ever, have labor differences here, affecting so many workers, been so free of disturbances.

The 30,000 garment workers employed in 1,600 independent shops, who went on strike recently in an effort to enforce the demands of an equal number of workers who were locked out from the shops of the Manufacturers' Protective Association, were attired in their best clothes and poured from the many buildings as if they were off for a brief holiday.

Considerable relief was expressed in shipping circles tonight by the announcement that the larger companies probably would follow the lead of the International Mercantile Marine in acceding to the demands for higher wages of the longshoremen, 50,000 of whom threatened to strike. The chief development of the day in respect to this class of labor was a strike of several hundred freight handlers in Jersey City. The great difficulty now confronting them, however, the employers asserted, was the tie-up of tugboats with approximately 100,000 tons of freight waiting to be moved.

It was announced tonight that a committee had been formed to take up the differences which exist between striking carpenters and their employers, and that an early adjustment was expected. The statement also was made that 10,000 painters who walked out recently, would return to work in less than a week.

The forces of the striking garment workers were increased when 2,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union went on strike. They were employed in the manufacture of men's clothing and are the first in the industry to quit work.

AUTO WORKERS GAIN.

Toledo, Ohio.—The Willys-Overland Automobile company has notified its 17,000 employees that beginning June 1 next hours will be reduced from 50 to 48 per week with no wage reductions, and wages will be increased in the various departments from 4 to 10 per cent.

ARBITERS FIX CONTRACT

For Cincinnati Steamfitters For Period of Three Years.

Steamfitters and Helpers' Union, Local 392, and the Cincinnati Master Steamfitters' Association, last Friday signed a new three-year working agreement, thus averting, it is said, possible industrial strife, May 1, when the old contract expires. The Joint Arbitration Board, established under an agreement entered into between the Building Construction Employers' Association and the Building Trades Council, brought about the settlement between committees representing the master steamfitters and the journeymen.

Under the new agreement the men will receive the present wage, \$5 a day, for the first two years of the contract. On May 1, 1918, a 5 per cent increase goes into effect to remain in force the remaining life of the agreement. The increase will amount to 25 cents a day for the steamfitters and 12½ cents a day for the helpers.

Another change from the old agreement is that not more than one helper will be allowed to a steamfitter. This is what the steamfitters term a straight-gang proposition and does away with the surplus helper, allowed under the old agreement. This change went into effect Monday, May 1. Under the new contract the employers are granted the right to employ laborers to do the common labor connected with the trade. The hours of labor remain the same.

SOCIETY WOMAN TO AID STRIKERS.

Mrs. J. Sargent Cram of New York Goes to Hastings.

Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.—Of the 3,600 employees of the National Conduit and Cable Company, who went on strike, 1,600 have returned to work. Mrs. J. Sargent Cram, wife of a former public service commissioner and prominent in New York society, has come here, she announces, to "protect the strikers from National guardsmen and to organize the working girls at the plant into a union."

STRIKE IS SETTLED.

The strike at the Ohio Knife Company's plant, Dremar avenue and Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, was settled recently, when a shorter workday, without wage reduction, was granted.

CONSUMERS MUST PAY.

Anthracite Operators Say Higher Price Will Be Necessary.

Philadelphia.—Anthracite operators here last Monday said that the prices of prepared sizes of coal will have to be increased to the consumers as a result of the agreement that has been reached with the mine workers in the hard coal fields. What the amount of the increase will be will not be known until the details of the new agreement have been worked out.

New freight rates on anthracite coal will have to be figured in the proposed increased prices. A readjustment of freight rates from the Pennsylvania mines to New York and New Jersey points went into effect April 1, and reductions of freight rates to Philadelphia and other Pennsylvania points are being fought out in State Courts.

S. D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company, chairman of the Operators' General Conference Committee, said the new agreement would involve a general wage increase of slightly more than 10 per cent, or between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 a year.

The General Committee of the anthracite operators met here May 1, heard the report of its subcommittee which negotiated the agreement, and formally ratified the new wage scale.

Without waiting for the tentative agreement to be ratified formally by the mine workers, the Lehigh Valley Coal Company May 1 placed all day workers in the Hazelton district on the eight-hour system.

COAL LOADERS STRIKE.

Fairmont, W. Va.—All of the loaders of the Four States Coal and Coke Company at Annabel, near here, walked out May 1, tying up all activities at the mines. There have been differences between the miners and operators concerning the wages. The trouble became acute and a strike was ordered. Over 600 men are out of employment.

IN THEIR OWN BEHALF!

Chicago.—An organization known as the American Federation of Teachers started work in the interests of the teachers throughout the United States. The federation will have as its members organizations of teachers throughout the country which have affiliated with the labor movement. Charles B. Stillman, Chicago, was elected President.

IRON MOLDERS STRIKE.

Tiffin, Ohio.—Iron molders in two large plants are on strike for nine hours and a minimum wage of \$3.50 a day. The old rate was \$3 for a 10-hour day.

INJUNCTION REFUSED.

New York.—Supreme Court Justice Bijur has refused to issue an injunction against striking journeymen tailors. These workers are demanding improved conditions, and especially insist on the installation of back shops.

CHILD LABOR IS RUINOUS.

Waterbury, Conn.—"Children are a community's greatest and most valuable asset," said Superintendent Johnson of the State reformatory, in an address in this city.

"Upon them the future's welfare or degradation must depend. Of what avail is it to build magnificent structures or great commercial organizations if the human beings who are to be the motive power in them are not of the proper kind. We like to think that in our democracy there are upon the streets today some future president of the United States or some future governor of our commonwealth."

"It is true that out from the children must come the leaders in goodness, but the future leaders in wickedness and crime are also to come from the same group in communal life. The child cannot speak for itself, it therefore behooves those of us who are interested in the better tomorrow as well as a brighter today to see to it that the children's rights are protected and their interests conserved."

WHERE "PUBLICITY" FAILED.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Ned Creighton, who conducted a publicity bureau for the mine operators during the recent copper strike, pleaded guilty in the United States district court of violating the federal law relating to printing advertisements under the guise of news matter. Creighton was proprietor of the Arizona News Service, which supplied newspapers with reading matter and photographs in an attempt to turn public opinion against the strikers. Many of the newspapers that accepted this subsidy from the mine operators failed to print the word "advertisement," even in small type, in the reading matter. Creighton, who procured the printing of the advertising, was indicted as a result.

RETAIL CLERKS WIN STRIKE.

Pittsburg, Kan.—The Retail Clerks' association has won its strike for better conditions and secured a contract with the Crawford County Retailers' association. Full time for overtime is agreed to, as is a \$1 a day minimum for women five days a week and \$1.50 on Saturdays. Heretofore there was nothing in the contract regarding overtime. The time for closing stores is also regulated.